

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. An ordinance adopting and establishing Land Development Regulations for Abbeville County, South Carolina. There were no comments, so Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
2. An ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Text to add Section 726 entitled Day Care and Child Care Facilities. There were no comments, so Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
3. An ordinance to amend Section 509 of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance in order to clarify filing fees. There were no comments, so Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
4. An ordinance by Abbeville County on 69.22 acres of property located off Old Abbeville Highway to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Map so as to change the zoning on Tax Map Number 110-00-00-090 from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to Basic Industrial (BI). There were no comments, so Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2004
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Vice-Chairman Brown, Councilman Walker, Councilman Gunnells, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: Councilman Forrester

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Rev. Jennifer Brown of Mt. Lebanon AME Church in Due West gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Thomas stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Thomas welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Chairman Thomas made a few corrections to the November 22, 2004 minutes. After completed Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Walker abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Oliver N. Ellis, Jr. of 624 Ellis Road, Donalds, SC 29638, presented his request for the County of Abbeville to maintain a dirt road off Highway 185, which is a frontage road for his 250 acres. Chairman Thomas forwarded this to the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Calhoun arrived for the meeting.

Steve McDade presented County Council with a certificate of appreciation from E-911.

Chairman Thomas presented plaques to Vice Chairman Brown and Councilman Walker for their service to the County of Abbeville.

Chairman Thomas asked if there were any additions to the agenda under new business: Councilman Norris made a motion to add a resolution honoring the outstanding performance of the E-911 Emergency Communication Center. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The first item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Text to add Section 726 entitled Day Care

and Child Care Facilities. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- b. The second item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance adopting and establishing Land Development Regulations for Abbeville County, South Carolina. Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c. The third item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance to amend Section 509 of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance in order to clarify filing fees. Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- d. The fourth item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance by Abbeville County to rezone a 69.22 acre tract of land located off Old Abbeville Highway. The property is identified by tax map number 110-00-00-090, and is currently zoned Forest/Agriculture. The request is to rezone to Basic Industrial (BI). Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- e. The fifth item on the agenda was a resolution providing for the expenditures of Title III funds for FY 04-05. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- f. The sixth item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County on a 32.36 acre tract of land located on Old Abbeville Highway at Stevenson Road. This is a request made by Brad and Dawn Johnson on tax map number 110-00-00-037. The request is to rezone from General Residential (GR) to Forest Agricultural (FA). Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The first item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating a prior year revenue and the expenditure thereof. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b. The second item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 708, Nonconforming Buildings or Uses, of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve first

reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- c. The third item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with James B. Jones Construction, Inc., for the grading and paving of site six, Old Calhoun Falls Road, convenience center. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- d. The fourth item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Treasurer to transfer \$44,107.06 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- e. The fifth item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract modification with Pickens Construction Co., Inc., to repair the asphalt on Westwood Road in the Country Meadows Subdivision. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve this resolution. County Director Burns requested the resolution be amended at a cost not to exceed \$8,010. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve amended resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- f. The sixth item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to draft a letter authorizing the 9-1-1 Center to enter into the TERT program. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- g. The seventh item on the agenda was a resolution endorsing Piedmont Technical College's request of the Budget and Control Board to conduct a comprehensive facilities needs assessment for Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- h. The eighth item on the agenda was a resolution honoring the outstanding performance of the E-911 Emergency Communication Center. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The County Director informed Council and the public about the construction on the Farmer's Market. Chairman Thomas asked for the completion of a policy regarding the use of county buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Larry Walker. Chairman Thomas spoke of the allocation of funds for County employees to receive a one time only Christmas bonus.
- b. Personnel and Administration—Ray Gunnells, Scott Brown and Claude Thomas. No report provided
- c. Public Works—Larry Walker, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report provided
- d. Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. The Intergovernmental Committee recommended Rev. Oscar Klugh to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Since it is a committee recommendation no second is needed. The recommendation carried 6-0-0. The Intergovernmental Committee recommended Mr. Darryl Smith to the EMS Commission. Since this is a committee recommendation no second is needed. The recommendation carried 6-0-0.
- e. Planning and Industrial Development—Scott Brown, John Calhoun and Larry Walker. No report provided.
- f. Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g. Public Safety—David Forrester, Scott Brown and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Contractual or legal matters. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Walker made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm